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OF CONVENTIONS

1. FOLLOWING ARE "SPECIAL PARAGRAPHS" IN DRAFT REPORT OF ILO
COMMITTEE ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS.

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52. THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED IT APPROPRIATE TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF
THE CONFERENCE TO THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH IT HAD HAD REGARDING
CERTAIN OTHER CASES (A DETAILED RECORD OF WHICH WILL BE FOUND
IN THE APPENDICES) BY SPECIAL MENTION IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

53. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN AT THE PRESENT SITUATION IN
ARGENTINE WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF THE FREEDOM OF ASSOC-
IATION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE CONVENTION, 1948
(NO 87). HAVING NOTED THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT RE-
PRESENTATIVE, THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MEASURES TO
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RECTIFY THE SITUATION AND TO BRING IT INTO CONFORMITY WITH THE
OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CONVENTION WOULD BE TAKEN AS RAPIDLY AS
POSSIBLE.

54. IN CONSIDERING THE APPLICATION BY BOLIVIA OF THE FREEDOM
OF ASSOCIATION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE CONVENTION,
1948 (NO 87), THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME IM-

PROVEMENT BUT WAS CONCERNED THAT THE SITUATION STILL LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED. THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT NEW LEGISLATION WAS BEING PREPARED AND THAT ASSURANCES HAD BEEN GIVEN THAT IT WOULD BE ADOPTED SHORTLY. IT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS LEGISLATION WOULD ENSURE THE FULL APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION.

55. IN CONSIDERING THE APPLICATION BY CHILE OF THE DISCRIMINATION (EMPLOYMENT AND OCCUPATION) CONVENTION,(1958 (NO 111), THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT, WHILE THERE HAD BEEN CERTAIN EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS, THERE REMAINED AREAS WHERE THE COMMITTEE FELT GRAVE CONCERN REGARDING THE FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE PROCESS OF REHABILITATION OF THOSE ADVERSELY AFFECTED AS A RESULT OF THEIR POLITICAL OPINIONS AND THE POSITION OF THOSE EMPLOYED IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR. THE GOVERNMENT'S REPLY WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS AT ITS NEXT SESSION. THE COMMITTEE HOPED THAT, IN THE MEANTIME, THERE WOULD BE FURTHER EVIDENCE OF REAL PROGRESS.

57. IN DISCUSSING THE APPLICATION BY LIBERIA OF THE FORCED LABOUR CONVENTION, 1930 (NO 29), THE FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE CONVENTION, 1948 (NO 87) AND THE ABOLITION OF PENAL SANCTIONS (INDIGENOUS WORKERS) CONVENTION, 1955 (NO 104), THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH SLIGHT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONVENTION NO 29, CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE TEXTS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROMISED TO SUPPLY HAD NOT BEEN FURNISHED AND THAT OTHER LEGISLATIVE MEASURED WHICH HAD BEEN PROMISED FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS HAD NOT BEEN ADOPTED. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION WOULD BE ADOPTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THAT COPIES OF LEGISLATION UNCLASSIFIED

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ALREADY ADOPTED WOULD BE SUPPLIED AND THAT THERE WOULD BE PROGRESS IN THE APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTIONS CONCERNED BY NEXT YEAR.

58. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN AT THE FAILURE OF UGANDA TO IMPLEMENT THE ABOLITION OF FORCED LABOUR CONVENTION, 1957 (NO 105). THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA INDICATED THAT ITS EARLIER DECISION TO DENOUNCE THE CONVENTION WAS BEING REVIEWED, BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD REACHED A DECISION TO REVERSE IT. THE COMMITTEE REMINDED THE GOVERNMENT THAT IN ANY CASE IT REMAINED BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE CONVENTION. THE GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN NO INDICATION THAT INFRINGEMENTS OF THE CONVENTION WERE BEING MITIGATED. THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE NOT TO DENOUNCE THIS CONVENTION WHICH EMBODIED SO FUNDAMENTAL A HUMAN RIGHT, AND THAT IT WOULD TAKE URGENT MEASURES TO BIRING ITS LAW AND PRACTICE INTO CONFORMITY WITH IT. END TEXT. SORENSON

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